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Amendment D under Rule 116

### REMARKS

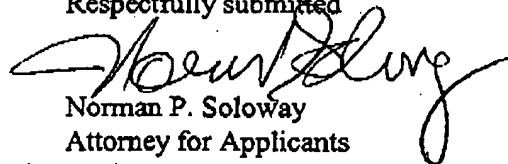
Enclosed is a copy of a transmittal letter and inventors' Declarations under 37 CFR 1.132 that were submitted to the Patent Office on August 14, 2003. Enclosed also is a postcard receipt confirming that the August 14, 2003 transmittal and Declarations were received at the Patent Office.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the previously filed Declarations which are believed to provide convincing evidence via comparative testing of the patentability of the subject claimed invention.

Since the enclosed Declarations were timely filed in the Patent Office almost a month before the mailing of the instant final rejection, the Examiner is respectfully requested to re-open prosecution, enter the Declarations, withdraw the Final Action, and allow the application.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them to our deposit account number 08-1391.

Respectfully submitted



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